

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-50. Claims 1-50 have been rejected by the Examiner. By this Response, claims 1, 18, 29, 38 and 47 have been amended to expedite allowance.

Claims 1-50 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Per the Examiner's suggestion, claims 1 and 18 have been amended to expedite allowance to recite that automatic translation occurs in response to receiving the medical information and automatically creating associated medical data occurs in response to automatically translating the medical information.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection has been overcome.

The Examiner has indicated claims 1-17 are allowable if the above rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, has been satisfied as suggested by the Examiner. Since the Applicant has amended claim 1 accordingly, the Applicant submits that claims 1-17 should be allowable for at least the reasons indicated by the Examiner and additionally based on further distinctions between the system of claim 1 and the systems discussed in Wong, Rothschild, Gropper, and Beaulieu. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his searching, analysis, and allowance of claims 1-17.

The Applicant has similarly amended independent claims 18 and 29 and respectfully submits that claims 18-28 and 29-37 should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

Independent claims 38 and 47 have also been amended to recite wherein the medical information is automatically translated into a medical-image format compatible format in response to receiving the medical information and wherein the medical image and medical information are automatically associated in response to automatically translating the medical information. Thus, the Applicant submits that claims 38-46 and 47-50 should be allowable for similar reasons.

Claims 18-50 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Beaulieu (U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2002/0091659). The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claims 18, 29, 38, and 47 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-50 should thus be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above, as the system and method of Beaulieu fail to disclose all of the limitations recited in amended claims 18-50, including automatically translating medical information from a medical information format into a medical-image format compatible format in response to receiving the medical information and wherein the medical image and medical information are automatically associated in response to automatically translating the medical information.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 18-50 should be allowable over the cited art of record.

Claims 25, 35, and 36 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beaulieu in view of Ilkin (U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2003/0130786). The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, the Applicant submits that Beaulieu fails to disclose all of the limitations of amended independent claims 18 and 29, from which claims 25, 35 and 36 depend. The Applicant submits that Ilkin fails to cure those defects and thus fails to teach or reasonably suggest all the limitations recited in dependent claims 25, 35, and 36.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of GEMS-IT, Account No. 50-2401.

Respectfully submitted,

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